GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3663
ANSWERED ON:12.12.2000
THREE TIER PANCHAYAT RAJ SYSTEM
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Andhra Pradesh Government has requested the Union Government to make an amendment to Article 243-C of the Constitution and to give freedom to State Legislature for adopting 3 tier Panchayat Raj System with four functionaries;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken or proposed to be taken by the Union Government there?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT [SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU]

(a) to (c) The Government of Andhra Pradesh had requested the Union Government to cause an amendment to Article 243-C of the Constitution of India so as to afford freedom to State Legislature to the effect that the Chairpersons of the Village Panchayat will be the Members of the Intermediate Panchayat, the Chairpersons of the Intermediate Panchayats will be the Members of the District Panchayat and that the State Legislature shall be left with the discretionary provisions relating to the election of Chairpersons of Panchayats at the Intermediate level and District level similar to provisions for the election of Chairpersons of Village Panchayats.

2. After the Constitution (87th Amendment) Bill, 1999 was introduced in the Rajya Sabha in December, 1999, it was decided to have wider consultations with all the political parties and the State Governments on the Bill. Accordingly, the comments of all State Chief Ministers have been sought in this behalf.